

REMARKS

With the cancellation herein without prejudice of claim 9 and the addition of new claims 17 to 29, claims 10 to 29 are pending in the present application, since claims 1 to 8 were previously canceled. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 paper, and cited references. With respect to the references disclosed in the prior Information Disclosure Statement, which were lined through and which, therefore Applicant assumes, were apparently not provided by the International Search Authority, Applicant submits herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 paper, which includes previously disclosed courtesy copies of the references. Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 12 to 14 are allowable. In this regard, the Examiner will note that each of claims 12 (from which claim 14 depends) and 13 has been rewritten herein in independent form and to include the features of its base claim and any intervening claim. The Examiner will further note that each of claims 10 and 11 has been amended herein without prejudice to depend from claim 13. The Examiner will further note that each of claims 15 and 16 has been amended herein without prejudice to depend from claim 12. Therefore, all of claims 10 to 16 are in condition for immediate allowance.

The remaining rejected claim has been canceled herein without prejudice, thereby obviating the remaining claim rejections.

New claims 17 to 29 have been added herein. Claims 17 to 29 do not add new matter and are supported by the application, including specification, as originally filed. Claims 17 and 19 to 28 ultimately depend from claim 13 and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as claim 13. Claim 18 ultimately depends from claim 12 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 12. Claim 29 includes subject matter analogous to that of claim 12 and is therefore allowable for reasons similar to claim 12. Specifically, claim 29 recites an arrangement for determining a starting point for the first comparison from a third signal of the environment sensor system.

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Accordingly, all of pending claims 10 to 29 are in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as originally and/or previously presented in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 10 to 29 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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